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IRUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: RINZLER (SMITHSONIAN) FERNANDEZ TELCON MAY 9, STATE 107816

1. PLEASE ADVISE RINZLER THAT MILEA OF ROMANIA ASSOCIATION
ASSURED EMBASSY THAT ROMANIANS ARE AWARE OF COMPARATIVE MUSICAL
FOCUS OF FESTIVAL WITH DANCE AS "SECONDARY" PRIORITY. HE WAS
ADVISED NEED TO REDUCE GROUP TO 25 PARTICIPANTS AND EXPRESSED
WILLINGNESS TO CUT BACK ON FOLK CRAFTS EXHIBITION/DEMONSTRATION.

2. MILEA SAID IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE TOTAL NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS TO 23, PLUS 2 GUIDES. APPEARS PERFORMERS/PARTICIPANTS
MAY LINE UP AS FOLLOWS:

A. 12 DANCERS (AT LEAST 6 COUPLES NEEDED; REPETOIRE INCLUDES
CA. 45 MINUTE PROGRAM);

B. SIX MUSICIANS (VIOLIN, BASS, PAN PIPE, SAXAPHONE, ACCORDIAN AND
OBOE OR BASSON; REPETOIRE APPROX 45 MINUTE PROGRAM, EACH MUSICIAN
PLAYS MORE THAN ONE INSTRUMENT AND REPETOIRE IS REPRESENTATIVE
OF ALL AREAS OF COUNTRY.)

C. ONE VOCAL SOLOIST.

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D. TWO TO FIVE FOLKCRAFT DEMONSTRATORS.

3. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT DETAILS
PARA TWO ABOVE ARE TENTATIVE
SINCE PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF COUNTRY
WILL MEET AS GROUP FOR FIRST TIME THIS WEEKEND. WE STRESSED
TO MILEA NEED FOR IMMEDIATE AND FINAL DECISION AND PRINTING DEADLINE
FOR PROGRAMS MENTIONED IN REF TELCON.

4. MILEA SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TAPE RECORDING
OF ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS UNTIL AFTER THIS WEEKEND. WE HAVE
OFFERED TO SEND TAPE BY OUR POUCH.

5. PLANNING FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IS NOW IN HANDS OF
ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION AND UNION OF COMMUNIST YOUTH TOURISM
OFFICE, (FYI: A.L. LLOYD'S SUGGESTIONS ARE EXCELLENT BUT A
BIT BEYOND THE REACH OF ROMANIAN POSSIBILITIES. SOME OF THE
PERFORMERS HE SUGGESTS ARE BOOKED UP ABROAD LONG IN ADVANCE,
SOME GROUPS HAVE DISBANDED AND SOME PERFORMERS HAVE DIED SINCE
HE WAS LAST HERE, ACCORDING TO MIRCEA MITRAN.)

6. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHDC TO
CABLE MFA TO IMPRESS UPON ROMANIA ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNIST
YOUTH TRAVEL BUREAU OF URGENT NEED FOR MORE DEFINITIVE
COMMITMENTS ON COMPOSITION OF GROUP.
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